IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 cancelled.

12. (Currently Amended) A formwork system for forming a transition of reinforcement between a concrete component and an adjacent concrete component in a connecting direction or to a front side of a concrete formwork, the system comprising:

two formwork elements comprising parallel flat vertically oriented formwork shells;

a central element disposed between the formwork elements proximate at an end of the formwork elements and defining gaps between the central element and the formwork shells, the gaps being disposed on opposite sides of the central element;

a plurality of spacers disposed in the gaps and on both the central element and the shells, said spacers being aligned, facing one another and configured for enabling stacking of the spacers on one another; and

elastic sealing lips disposed on at least one of abutting spacers for preventing passage of liquid concrete.

~~elastic sealing lips disposed between the formwork elements and the central element; and~~

~~at least four spacers at mounting positions for the spacers, one mounting position each being located at two outer sides of the central element facing the formwork elements, another mounting position each being located on inner sides of the formwork element facing the outer sides of the central element, the spacers being configured for enabling a plurality of spacers to be mounted side by side, one upon the other at each mounting position with at least one spacer being mounted at each mounting position; wherein one of the elastic sealing lips is disposed on at least one outermost spacer of two mounting positions facing another; and the at least four spacers are formed identically, the spacers with sealing lip distinguished from spacers without sealing lip only by the additional sealing lip.~~

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The formwork system according to claim 12, wherein the central element has a recess for a tape joint.

15. (Currently Amended) The formwork system according to claim 12, wherein the spacers are mounted through screw connections ~~in the mounting positions~~.

16. (Previously Presented) The formwork system according to claim 12, wherein the formwork elements, the central element and the spacers each have an opening, the openings being penetrated by a common tie rod and wherein the tie rod extends in a horizontal direction perpendicular to the connecting direction.

17. (Previously Presented) The formwork system according to claim 16 wherein the formwork elements, the central element and the spacers each have a plurality of openings and the openings are penetrated by a plurality of common tie rods.

18. (Currently Amended) A formwork system for forming a transition of reinforcement between a concrete component and an adjacent concrete component in a connecting direction or to a front side of a concrete formwork, the system comprising:

two formwork elements comprising parallel flat vertically oriented formwork shells;

a central element disposed between the formwork elements proximate at an end of the formwork ~~elements;~~elements and defining gaps between the central element and the formwork shells, the gaps being disposed on opposite sides of the central element, the central element being formed by two mutually displaceable or pivotable semi-shells wherein each semi-shell comprises at least one lug, each lug being penetrable in a vertical direction;

at least one wedge ~~rod;~~rod, the wedge rod having wedge arms for passing through the lugs, and wherein the wedge arms and lugs interact such that driving the

wedge rod up and/or down moves the semi-shells away from one another or towards one another and, wherein the movement of the semi-shells takes place in a horizontal direction perpendicular to the connection direction;

a plurality of spacers disposed in the gaps and on both the central element and the shells, said spacers being aligned, facing one another and configured for enabling stacking of the spacers on one another; and

elastic sealing lips disposed on at least one of abutting spacers for preventing passage of liquid concrete.

~~elastic sealing lips disposed between the formwork elements and the central element;~~

~~at least four spacers at mounting positions for the spacers, one mounting position being located at two outer sides of the central element facing the formwork elements, another mounting position each being located on inner sides of the formwork element facing the outer sides of the central element, the spacers being configured for enabling a plurality of spacers to be mounted side by side, one upon the other at each mounting position;~~

~~wherein one of the elastic sealing lips is disposed on at least one outermost spacer of two mounting positions facing another;~~

~~and the at least four spacers are formed identically, the spacers with sealing lip distinguished from spacers without sealing lip only be the additional sealing lip.~~

19. (Previously Presented) The formwork system according to claim 12, further comprising vertical sections mounted to the formwork elements, and wherein the central element and the spacers extend in the connecting direction to a common final plane, the final plane lying perpendicular to the connecting direction.

20. (Previously Presented) The formwork system according to claim 19, wherein the formwork system further comprises at least one crossbar abutting the common final plane and the crossbar is tensioned with the formwork elements via stopend ties.

21. (Previously Presented) The formwork system according to claim 20, wherein the central element is at least partially longer or shorter in the connecting direction than the spacers.

22. (Currently Amended) A formwork system for forming a transition of reinforcement between a concrete component and an adjacent concrete component in a connecting direction or to a front side of a concrete formwork, the system comprising:

two formwork elements comprising parallel flat vertically oriented formwork shells;

a central element disposed between the formwork elements proximate at an end of the formwork ~~elements;~~elements and defining gaps between the central element and the formwork shells, the gaps being disposed on opposite sides of the central element;

a plurality of spacers disposed in the gaps and on both the central element and the shells, said spacers being aligned, facing one another and

~~elastic sealing lips disposed between the formwork elements and the central element;~~

~~at least four spacers at mounting positions for the spacers, one mounting position each beign located at two outer sides of the central element facing the formwork elements, another mounting position each being located on inner sides of the formwork element facing the outer sides of the central element, the spacer being configured for enabling a plurality of spacers to be mounted side by side, one upon the other at each mounting position, the spacers~~ having a stepped profile, with an abutment surface having a flat first side, and having four straight, parallel rails on the second side, the rails having a hook-shaped cross-section; and

elastic sealing lips disposed on at least one of abutting spacers for preventing passage of liquid concrete.

~~wherein one of the elastic sealing lips is disposed on at least one outermost spacer of two mounting positions facing another;~~

~~and the at least four spacers are formed identically, the spacers with sealing lip distinguished from spacers without sealing lip only by the additional sealing lip.~~